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FROM THE dugout

Good afternoon, everyone and welcome to the game.

Our team has been built on solid foundations, such as togetherness and a never-say-die spirit, and those were never more in evidence than last Saturday against Stockport.

It shows how strong and dedicated this group of players is when they came back from a goal down three times for a point, just a week after they scored twice in the last eight minutes to beat Gloucester.

Those are the standards that we have set, the players know that I won't settle for anything less.

And they know that I will be demanding the best from them today against Curzon Ashton, because once you take your foot off the pedal in this league, then you will be punished. Curzon gave us a tough game earlier in the season, and since then, they were unlucky not to reach the third round of the FA Cup, and last Saturday they beat league leaders Fylde.

I must thank all the fans who travelled to Stockport last Saturday. You gave us some excellent support, especially when we were battling back into the game in the second half.

It's another example of the togetherness that we have as a club, and proves how much we can all achieve together.

Enjoy today's game, I'm sure that it will be a good one!

Martin



V CURZON ASHTON

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Kev Burgess writes for the
Quaker programme.

CAPTAIN Kev

HELLO, EVERYONE.

I was really chuffed for Phil Turnbull when he scored in our last home game against Gloucester City.

If anyone deserved to score a goal, then it was Twinny. He's not the type of player who gets forward a lot, because his role is more of playing in front of the defence, and as he has said many a time, his job isn't to score goals.

It was Twinny who actually broke up their move on the edge of our penalty area and sent Carts away down the right, and I remember urging Twinny to keep going up the middle.

And when Carts played the ball back to him, I was really hoping that he would score – and what a finish past their keeper! For me, it was one of the moments of the season so far when the ball hit the back of the net, and everyone rushed to congratulate him.

I thought he was going to score again on Saturday at Stockport though, when he volleyed just wide – I was wondering if we'd suddenly found a goal machine!

Yet again we proved on Saturday that we don't know when to lie down and accept defeat. Even though Stockport kept taking the lead, we still created chances and I thought we deserved a point for the way we battled.

What an atmosphere though, thanks to everyone from Darlo for your support, even though you were outnumbered five to one. It was a great day.

Let's hope now for three points this afternoon.

Kev

Captain's Notes



**"WE DON'T
KNOW WHEN
TO LIE DOWN
AND ACCEPT
DEFEAT"**





Coming to town...

Curzon Ashton FC was formed in 1963 following the amalgamation of two clubs, Curzon Road and Ashton Amateurs.

The newly formed club joined the Manchester Amateur League, winning the title twice and finishing runners-up in their first three seasons.

A step forward took them into the Manchester League, and after a period of consolidation a string of honours followed in the early 1970s, amongst them runners-up in both the First and Premier Divisions, twice in respect of the latter. 1978/79 saw Curzon become founder members of the Cheshire League Division Two, winning promotion at the first attempt, but again just missing out on the title, on this occasion by just two points.

The first season in the top flight was celebrated with the club's then finest moment when they became the first North West based club to reach the semi-final stage of the FA Vase. Their dream of a final was however quickly diminished, losing both legs 2 - 0 to eventual winners Stamford, with the home tie producing a then record attendance of 1,800.

Curzon once again became founder members of yet another competition, the North West Counties League (NWCL), in 1983/84 with the merger of the NWCL Cheshire League and Lancashire League, as part of the non-league pyramid. The club was placed in the First Division and in 1986 National Park was "illuminated" following the installation of floodlights, in preparation for what they hoped would be an opportunity to join the Northern Premier League (NPL), a feat which they achieved in 1986 by joining the First Division. Managers then quickly came and went with Steve Waywell being their fourth appointment in the space of 12 months when he was appointed in October 1987 and he remained at the club for six years.

Almost a decade on (1996/97) and further problems, on and off the field, beset Curzon, which resulted in them becoming a bizarre victim of pyramid reshuffling. If relegation wasn't enough, the club received a "double-whammy" when they were placed in the Northern Counties East League (NCEL), a considerable distance from the nearest club, following a meeting of the Northern Joint Liaison Committee, a decision which not only shocked officials of the club but many others connected with football in the region.

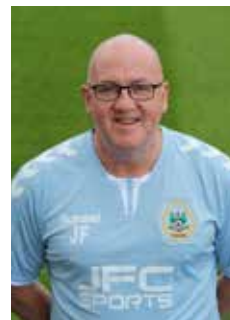
An appeal to the National League System sub-committee, supported by the Northern Premier League but opposed by both the NWCL and NCEL, proved fruitless, and so the club became the first to be moved in this way since the pyramid system was introduced.

The much anticipated difficulties followed, and the club ended the season one place off the bottom. The mistake was recognised and the NCEL Management Committee assisted the club in supporting their move back to the NWCL for the start of season 1997/98.

The club remained in the Second Division until under the guidance of Joe Murty they gained promotion at the end of season 1999/2000.

After almost a decade of discussions with Thameside MBC officials about a new ground, it finally became a reality when agreement was reached for the club to vacate National Park, spending season 2004/05 at the home of Stalybridge Celtic, before moving into their magnificent Thameside Stadium for the start of season 2005/06. The ground was formally opened on 8 September 2005 by Sir Alex Ferguson for a game in which Manchester United provided the

Curzon Ashton FC



JOHN FLANAGAN



HAKAN BURTON



JAMES BAILLIE



JORDON WRIGHT



LIAM TOMSETT



NIALL CUMMINS

/ The Squad

Manager Manager John Flanagan
Assistant manager: Ian Nevison

Goalkeepers Hakan Burton, Cameron Mason

Defenders Matthew Flynn, Daniel Shaw, Jamie Stott, Jack Truelove, Connor Hampson, Jonathan Hunt, James Baillie

Midfielders Alex Brown, Paul Ennis, Rory Gorman, Joe Guest, Ryan Hall, Iain Howard, Luke Clarke, Liam Tomsett, Chris Rowney, Jordon Wright

Forwards Niall Cummins, Adam Morgan, Connor Hughes, Matty Warburton

Previous seasons

2015-16 National League North 11th played 42, points 57
2014-15 NPL Premier 4th, played 46, points 83 (won play offs)
2013-14 NPL First Division North, champions, played 42, points 99
2012-13 NPL First Division North 7th, played 42, points 73.
2011-12 NPL First Division North, 2nd, played 42, points 95
2010-11 NPL First Division North, 4th, played 44, points 85

Recent Results

January 21st Fylde (home) won 3-2 Cummins, Warburton, Hall
January 16th Worcester City (home) drew 1-1 own goal
January 14th AFC Telford United (away) lost 1-3 Cummins
January 7th Tamworth (away) lost 2-3 Hall, Cummins
December 26th Stalybridge (away) won 2-1 Cummins, Stott
December 20th Boston (away) lost 1-3 Wright
December 17th Harrogate Town (home) won 1-0 Brown
December 4th Wimbledon FA Cup (home) lost 3-4 Morgan 3

Next four matches:

January 21st Tamworth (home)
January 28th Worcester (away)
February 4th Nuneaton (away)
February 11th Salford City (home)

Coming to town...

Curzon Ashton FC



opposition.

Despite repeated attempts to return to the NPL they had to wait until season 2006/07 to benefit once again from the re-structure of the pyramid system, a season which also saw them end their NWCL campaign as the "nearly" team, ending the season as runners-up in the League, D-Zine League Challenge Cup Finalists and emulating the team of 1980 by reaching the semi-final of the FA Carlsberg Vase, only to lose out to the eventual winners, Truro City.

Season 2007-2008, and the first back in to UniBond League, saw the club reach the promotions play-offs after leading the First Division North for most of the season. Unfortunately they were knocked out of the play-offs by Skelmersdale United.

In the 2008-2009 season the club reached the play-off final but were beaten by Newcastle Blue Star who then resigned from the UniBond League in late June. The season will be remembered for the club's magnificent FA Cup exploits when reaching the second round proper of the competition where they were beaten 2-0 away at Kidderminster Harriers after beating Exeter City 3-2 at home in the first round proper.

In season 2009-2010 the club reached the play-offs for the third consecutive season but were again beaten in the semi-finals by the eventual winners Colwyn Bay. They also reached the League Challenge Cup semi-final but were beaten 2-0 by Boston United.

In season 2010-2011 once again the club reached the play-offs for the fourth consecutive season and were again beaten by the eventual winners Chorley. This was the final season for manager Gary Lowe who called it a day after eleven seasons at the helm.

In his first season in charge new manager John Flanagan took the club to the play-off final where they were beaten by Witton Albion.

2012-2013 saw the club celebrate their 50th

Season but in terms of league success, it was their worst for some time, the club finishing seventh and missing out on the play-offs for the first time since they rejoined the NPL in 2007. On the bright side they reached the final of the Doodson Sports Cup where they were beaten by Premier Division Champions North Ferriby United on penalties.

A team rebuild in the summer of 2013 saw the team get off to a flyer and they again had a magnificent start to the season, going 16 league games undefeated, before finally losing at the beginning of December. They then won seven on the bounce before their second league defeat in early February, ironically to the side which had beaten them previously - Ossett Town. However, they were to then go on a magnificent run of 12 games unbeaten, 11 of them wins and the last ten of those games creating a club record of ten successive clean sheets. This was the run which took them to the league title, clinched on a never to be forgotten night at Harrogate Railway Athletic, where Niall Cummins wrote himself into Curzon folklore with a stoppage time header to seal a 1-0 win, and the title, with five games to spare. Season 2014-2015 saw Curzon compete at their highest ever level of the Evo-Stik NPL Premier Division, and they confounded the odds when the squad, which had seen very little change in terms of personnel from the previous season, reached the play-offs and, on another never to be forgotten day, beat Ilkeston 1-0 in the final after knocking out neighbours Ashton United in a penalty shoot out in the semi-final.

Season 2015-2016, Curzon Ashton FC finished in eleventh place in the Vanarama National League North, the highest position the club has ever achieved.



Curzon Ashton's FA Cup run

While Darlington's recent campaigns in the FA Cup haven't been the most successful, Curzon Ashton had a phenomenal run in the competition this season -- here is how they were within minutes of making it into the third round draw.

2nd Qualifying Round Curzon Ashton 1-1 Consett 17th September

In their first match of the competition they hosted Northern League Consett. Connor Hampson gave Ashton the lead in the first half and despite dominating the match the visitors snatched a stoppage time equaliser to take the game to a replay.

Replay Consett 0-1 Curzon Ashton 20th September

Curzon secured their third win in all competitions this season, three days later in County Durham to seal their place in the next round. Another tight game saw an own goal separate the sides to send our division rivals through.

3rd Qualifying Round Curzon Ashton 4-0 Bedworth 1st October

The third qualifying round proved to be a much more straight forward task for Curzon, as they convincingly beat Northern Premier League Division One South side Bedworth United 4-0. Jonathan Hunt gave the side an early lead and it was 3-0 by half-time thanks to goals from Charlie Ennis and Ryan Hall. Hall added his second in stoppage time at the end of the game to send Ashton through to the final qualifying round for the first time since 2008.

4th Qualifying Round York 1-1 Curzon Ashton 15th October

Curzon secured a place in the first round draw after they held National North side York City at Bootham Crescent. Richard Brodie gave York the lead from the penalty spot, but Curzon earned the replay thanks to Niall Cummins.

Replay Curzon Ashton 2-1 York 17th October

With a first round trip to the lowest ranked side left in the competition, Westfields, on offer

it was a huge night for everyone at Curzon. Brodie once again gave York the advantage, but Alex Brown and Cummins scored the goals to earn a historic victory.

1st Round Westfields 1-1 Curzon Ashton 8th November

Curzon were taken to their third replay of the competition at Westfields and needed a late equaliser to stay in the cup. Craig Jones gave Westfields an early lead from the penalty spot, with Adam Morgan scoring in the final ten minutes for Curzon.

Replay Curzon Ashton 3-1 Westfields 14th November

The Nash secured a spot in the second round of the FA Cup for only the second time in their history after overcoming Westfields in the replay at the Tameside Stadium. Morgan again was on the scoresheet this time twice along with Cummins to put the game out of the visitors' reach and they were able to hold on despite a late consolation goal.

2nd Round Curzon Ashton 3-4 AFC Wimbledon 4th December

Their fantastic FA Cup run come to an end in dramatic style against League One side AFC Wimbledon. Morgan scored a hat-trick which looked to have sent Curzon into round three. However, inside the final ten minutes, Wimbledon scored three quick goals to level the tie through Tom Elliott, Dominic Poleon and Tyrone Barney. Even later in the game it was the ultimate heart break for Ashton, as Elliott scored his second in the fourth minute of stoppage time.



HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING

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Chris Sykes rounds up the action in the Vanarama National League North

AFC Fylde restored their nine point lead at the top of the table with a comfortable 2-0 victory over Alfreton on Tuesday night. That saw the Coasters bounce back just three days succumbing to a shock 3-2 defeat at Curzon Ashton.

Kidderminster are their nearest challengers, with a game in hand on AFC Fylde. Kiddy have taken 19 points from their last eight games, with just one defeat in that period.

They're ahead of third-placed Chorley on goal difference. The Magpies, who've suffered defeats to Fylde and FC Halifax in recent weeks, have played a game more than Kidderminster.

An easy 4-0 win at home to Nuneaton on Tuesday saw Salford jump above Darlington into fourth. They returned to winning ways after their nine game unbeaten run was ended last weekend at Halifax.

Salford's win on Tuesday knocked FC Halifax out of the play-off spots, with the Shaymen two points behind Darlington. Halifax have won their last three, recording impressive wins against promotion rivals Chorley, Tamworth and Salford.

Last weekend's opponents Stockport are a point worse off. County have just one win to their name in January, although have lost just once in their last 10 league games.

They're ahead of Tamworth on goal difference, with the Lambs winning only one of their last five games in the league.

Ninth placed Brackley missed a chance to close the gap on the play offs. They drew 1-1 at home to bottom club Altrincham on Tuesday night, to go five points adrift, with three games in hand.

Harrogate Town have stabilised their poor form, going unbeaten in their previous four after a run of one victory in 10.

Six points further back are FC United, who've lost only once in their last nine in the league.

A run of seven defeats in eight games, with just one win in that period, has seen Gloucester slip out of play-off contention.

Tuesday's 4-0 defeat at Salford ended a six-game unbeaten run for 13th placed Nuneaton Town.

Boston United have improved their form in recent months, losing only once in the league since a 9-2 mauling at AFC Fylde in November.

Curzon Ashton inflicted a surprise 3-2 defeat on leaders AFC Fylde last week, meaning Curzon haven't lost at home in the league since October.

After failing to win any of their last nine games, Worcester City have dropped from mid-table security, to being only five points above the relegation zone.

Their last league win was over AFC Telford, and the 17th placed Bucks are below Worcester on goal difference, after winning only once in their previous seven league matches.

Tuesday's defeat at Fylde increased the pressure on struggling Alfreton, who are four points and two places above the relegation zone.

Below them on goal difference are Gainsborough Trinity, who've won just once in 10 matches, and haven't kept a clean sheet since August.

Bradford Park Avenue's improvement in form has been brought to a rapid halt. Five defeats in seven matches has left Avenue four points from safety.

Even further adrift are second-bottom Stalybridge Celtic, who've won only once in the league since November. They're twelve points from safety.

And despite picking up a point at Brackley in midweek, bottom club Altrincham remain in single figures for the season and 17 points adrift of Gainsborough. The draw was their first point of 2017.



LIAM HARDY SCORES THE FIRST

Last time we met

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We won our first away game of the season at Curzon after drawing at Altrincham in our previous away trip.

Quakers looked sharper in the first half, and we took the lead after 4 minutes when Kevin Burgess, who had stayed up for a corner, laid the ball off perfectly for Liam Hardy to run through and slot the ball through the keeper's legs for his second goal in as many games.

It was nearly 2-0 when the outstanding Josh Gillies crossed from the left for Mark Beck to power in a header from six yards out, but somehow keeper Cameron Mason blocked the ball on the line.

The tall striker was unlucky with two more efforts before half time, as was Josh Gillies from the edge of the box.

We deservedly went 2-0 up on 50 minutes when Gillies forced an excellent fingertip save from Mason, but from Terry Galbraith's corner that followed, poacher Kev Burgess stabbed the ball home.

But Quakers let Curzon back into the game when Niall Cummins scored from close range, and we nearly regretted some missed chances when Cummins missed a sitter from a couple of yards in the last minute.

Darlington: Jameson, Marrs, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Mitchell (sub Scott 63), Portas, Beck, Hardy (sub Purewal 53), Gillies

Subs: Bell, Nightingale, Cartman

Bookings: Brown, Marrs

Curzon Ashton:

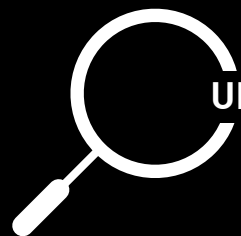
Mason, Tomsett (sub R Watson 77), Guest, Hunt, Danny Hall, Hampson (sub Hazeldine 65), Rowney, Howard, Cummins, Ennis, Ryan Hall

Subs: A Watson, Brooke, Wright

Bookings: Danny Hall, Guest, Cummins, Hazeldine, R Watson



KEVIN BURGESS SCORES THE SECOND



UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

DAVID FERGUSON

Former YTS David Ferguson last week returned to Darlington for his second spell – he spoke to Ray Simpson.



"For Fans, For Football, For Ever"

The wheel turned full circle for David Ferguson when he joined Quakers last week.

This will be David's second spell with the club, and he admitted that in his "heart of hearts" he wanted to come back to Darlington where he made his first team debut in that traumatic crisis season in 2011-12.

"When I heard that Darlington were interested in me again, I couldn't wait to come back. In my heart of hearts I wanted to return," he said.

"I spent seven years at the club before, I played in all the age groups and then I was in my second year as a YTS when Craig Liddle gave me my first team debut at the age of 17 after most of the players had left in the administration season. It was a great experience for me, losing games didn't get me down, I thoroughly enjoyed them, although I was a bit upset when Bath City equalised in the last minute against us to get a point. It was a big learning curve.

"I did all sorts for the club in my first spell. I was a ball boy when I was 12, and when I was a YTS Lidds used to have me cleaning the changing rooms! Lidds was a quality coach, and I have to thank him for everything that he's done for me.

"I see Martin Gray as another Craig Liddle, because he has

the same desire, will-to-win and wants the best. I like that approach, because it keeps everyone on their toes."

He made his first team debut in a 2-0 away defeat at Southport on Valentine's Day 2012, and played a total of six games as Quakers battled to survive that season in more ways than one.

As we all know, the club was forcibly demoted at the end of that 2011-12 season, and the players all left. David followed Craig Liddle to Sunderland where he spent three years, before he was released and signed for Blackpool, who were then in League One.

"I couldn't wait to come back. In my heart of hearts I wanted to return"

"I had one season as a pro at Sunderland, then I signed a two year extension. But I never got near the first team squad, and Lee Clark, the Blackpool manager, came in for me.

"I played ten games in the Championship under Lee, and after we were relegated to League One, the new manager, Neil McDonald, made me captain – and I was only 21 at the time! Some people queried whether I should have got the captaincy given my age, but I wasn't going to turn it down in my position.

DAVID FERGUSON

"I took the positives out of the job, and it certainly meant that I had to mature quickly."

David played the vast majority of games last season for League One Blackpool, and in one pulsating game he scored a last minute equaliser against Nottingham Forest.

There was all sorts of upheaval at Bloomfield Road at the end of the last season when they were relegated again, with McDonald being replaced by Gary Bowyer, who in turn surprisingly let David go.

David, who lives on Wearside anyway, returned to the north east and signed for Shildon in the Northern League, and waited for something else to crop up.

"I had a great time at Shildon, and I'd like to thank them for all that they've done for me, but I must look after myself. I want to return to being a full time pro, and I'd love that to be with Darlington. I want to get back into the Football League with the club. I know quite a few of the lads already – Jordan Watson, Mark Beck, Peter Jameson for example – so I'm really looking forward to it. There is no better way to come back because the club is on its way up again. I'm not going to clean the changing rooms though!"

Do you fancy meeting David and the other players after the game? Then why not enjoy our hospitality in the Feethams lounge -- e mail hospitality@darlingtonfc.org



FROM THE *Boardroom:*

JOHN TEMPEST

A warm welcome to officials and fans who have travelled over from Curzon Ashton and we hope that you enjoy your afternoon with us.

As I'm sure you'll appreciate, it's been a very busy time off the field over the last few weeks and a big thank you goes to Jonathan Jowett who put the final touches to the Annual General Meeting that was held last night at Blackwell Meadows, and I must also thank everyone who attended.

We put in a lot of hard work to get the club to Blackwell Meadows, and now that we're here, there is just as much, if not more, to be done. A huge amount of work goes into running a football club, a few of us are forever bouncing ideas, solving problems and taking views on all sorts of topics at all hours of the day and night, and that's on top of our day jobs.

At the time of writing this the Rugby Club will have hopefully put their concession unit into place which again will enhance the match day experience. As a board, we value and listen to your comments – as long as they're constructive and well thought through -- and a number of issues have been ironed out over the last couple of games following consultation with the Rugby

Club.

One of our aims is to strengthen our relationship with the Rugby Club, and in forthcoming weeks they will be holding several functions, such as a Real Ale festival, which I'm sure will be of interest to Darlington FC fans. So why not pop along?

While Martin is always looking for ways to improve his team within reason on the field, we are always looking for ways to improve the matchday experience off the field. We are considering various ideas at the moment, but one of the most satisfying so far has been our hospitality in the Feethams Lounge.

There has been some very good feedback from our recent match and match ball sponsors and other individuals and groups who have taken out the Feethams experience in respect to our match day hospitality. At £35 per head – which includes ground admission -- it offers great value and the opportunity to sample some great food, rub shoulders with other Darlington fans and officials, and meet the

manager and players. Space permitting, you can also watch the game from the balcony.

Just drop us a line on hospitality@darlingtonfc.org for more details. I'd like to congratulate Steve Catterick, who won our latest website competition.

From a personal point of view, I'm delighted that Darlo Fans Radio sailed past the 70,000 listeners mark last weekend, which isn't bad going after just a year with their new system. I listen to their commentary if I can't actually make games, and the lads always come over as very passionate and knowledgeable without being overwhelming. They are very good ambassadors for the club, just like everyone else in our media team.

Watch out soon as well for a competition to design a new club flag. It's a long time since we've had a proper one that everyone can be proud of, and we intend to involve local schools and organisations as much as possible.

John

JANUARY 14TH 2017

DARLINGTON 2 GLOUCESTER CITY 0

Phil Turnbull produced one of those "I was there" moments when Quakers scored two goals in the last eight minutes to defeat Gloucester.

Phil hadn't scored in his previous 66 appearances for the club - he'd turned down the opportunity to have a goal recorded against his name earlier in the season - but when the ball hit the back of the net from his fantastic left shot in stoppage time (see the pic on the centre pages), it was one of those Darlo moments to remember.

"A few of the fans had been tweeting me asking when I'm going to score my first goal, I told them that when I do, it will be special and it was," Phil said. "It was a good goal to break my duck for the club, the kind of goal you want to score."

"We broke from the edge of the box and I saw there was an opportunity to go forward as they only had one defender - I used my power and pace! - and as the ball came across I just hit it with my left foot. It's not my job in the team to score. I've said in the past that as long as we're winning it doesn't matter if I don't score, but it's nice to contribute."

Quakers dominated possession without creating all that many chances until midway through the first half.

The Gloucester defence didn't clear Terry Galbraith's inswinging free kick from the right hand side, and when the ball came out to the on loan Lewis Walker - the son of former England defender Des -- his right foot shot was blocked on the line, and so was Josh Gillies' follow up.

Quakers missed another chance just on half time, when Galbraith curled a free kick over from the right, and Kevin Burgess headed over from six yards.

Quakers had plenty of possession again in the first part of the second half, without really hurting their visitors. But the game livened up when Nathan Cartman came on for Walker, and he got away on 67 minutes in the inside left position, but his shot was deflected past the post.

Another chance came Quakers' way on 72 minutes when Gillies curled a free kick into the box from the left and Mark Beck headed into the keeper's hands.

Quakers finally took the lead on 82 minutes when Gary Brown crossed from the right, Beck had an effort blocked, then Galbraith had a shot saved by keeper Jarmal Singh, but Cartman was on hand to force the ball home.

STATS:

Goals: Cartman (82 mins, 1-0, Turnbull 90 mins, 2-0)

Darlington: Jameson, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Syers (sub Thompson 61), Scott, Beck, Walker (sub Cartman 53), Gillies

Subs: Wilczynski, Falkingham, Saunders

Bookings: Scott, Burgess, Cartman

Gloucester City: Singh, Hamilton, Hall, Deaman, Avery, Knowles (sub Kotwica 68), Hanks, Webb, Finnie (Dinsley 61), Parker (sub Thomas 78), Williams

Subs not used: Richards, Hopper

Booking: Deaman, Parker

Attendance 1837



THE MAGIC NUMBERS:

3 - the number of league goals that Nathan Cartman has scored this season

4 - the number of goals that have been scored at the Blackwell end of the ground so far

1775 - the average home league attendance at both grounds this season

2384 - the average attendance at Blackwell Meadows this season





RYAN BROBBEL

MIKE POLLITT has returned to Rotherham United as goalkeeping coach, replacing Andy Dibble.

Now 44, Pollitt was with Quakers in the mid-1990s, leaving in 1995 for Notts County, and later spent two spells with Rotherham from 1998 to 2000 and 2001 to 2005.

"He's part of the fabric of this club and has spent as many years here as me. He's a big part of the club's history and I hope he'll be a big part of the future," said Millers' caretaker manager Paul Warne.

The most successful period in Pollitt's career was at Wigan Athletic, playing in the Premier League and helping the side to the 2006 League Cup final. He was Wigan's goalkeeping coach until late 2016.

TOM DAVIE, on loan to Quakers briefly earlier this season, has again been sent out on loan by Bradford Park Avenue.

Davie, 22, made four substitute appearances for Quakers, and has since returned to Bradford PA, but is now with their relegation rivals Gainsborough Trinity.

The left-sided player was with Trinity between 2013 and 2015, scoring four goals in 39 appearances.

CRAIG HIGNETT left Hartlepool United as manager on January 15 after a run of one win in nine games. The 47-year-old, who was in his first managerial post at Victoria Park, left the club 19th in League Two.

He replaced Ronnie Moore in February last year and

steered Hartlepool away from relegation, finishing 16th, and during his tenure won 15 of his 52 games in charge.

Curtis Fleming, a fellow former Quaker, left Hartlepool as assistant manager in December for QPR, and Hignett was unable to appoint a replacement.

Hignett played 19 games for Darlington in the 2004-05 season, scoring nine goals, and in the same campaign Fleming made 27 appearances.

RYAN BROBBEL was involved in the 27 game winning run of The New Saints which ended recently. The New Saints have won the Welsh League in the last five seasons, and played in the Champions League qualifiers before losing to Apoel of Nicosia. Brobbel played two games for us last season against Ramsbottom and Hyde United. Brobbel, who was released by Middlesbrough before he joined us, is now a regular for the New Saints, who are a full time outfit.

DAVID WHEATER scored for Bolton in their 2-1 home defeat by Swindon in League One a fortnight ago.

Wheater played 15 games for us on loan from Middlesbrough in 2007, scoring twice at home to Peterborough and away to Barnet. He went back to

Craig Stoddart and Ray Simpson have been keeping an eye on the activities of former Darlo players.



DAVID STOCKDALE

Middlesbrough after his spell with us, and joined Bolton in 2011.

DAVID STOCKDALE played a starring role in promotion-chasing Brighton's win over Sheffield Wednesday, a remarkable double-save turning the game in his team's favour.

With the scores locked at 1-1 in the second half, Brighton striker Glenn Murray received a straight red card for handling a goalbound shot.

Fernando Forestieri took the spot-kick but Stockdale denied the striker, first diving to his right to parry and then breathtakingly keeping out the rebound with a fingertip save low to his left.

Team-mates rushed to congratulate Stockdale, who is now 31 and in his third season

with Brighton, and Brighton went on to win 2-1 with an Anthony Knockaert winner five minutes from time.

Knockaert said: "I was praying for a save from Stocko and it was important to keep us in the game. He showed again he is the best in the league."

NEALE MCDERMOTT, son of former Liverpool and Newcastle player Terry and briefly with Darlington in 2006, was interviewed in the New York Times last week about his role in the highly competitive world of youth scouting.

He does not represent a club, however, as McDermott is a brand-affiliated scout – he helps Adidas recruits youngsters and among his successes has been Tottenham's Dele Alli, a

player who agreed to an endorsement when he was only 16 at MK Dons.

"The idea is to make the players fall in love with Adidas at a young age," McDermott said.

McDermott played three matches under David Hodgson in February 2006, all defeats, against Peterborough (1-2), Shrewsbury (0-1) and Leyton Orient (0-1).

PHIL BRUMWELL has left as coach of Northern League club Shildon along with manager Gary Forrest and assistant manager Stuart Niven following the transfer of David Ferguson to Darlington. Forrest said that he wasn't consulted about the transfer, and so quit on principle.

IAN CLARK made an unexpected playing return for Marske United last weekend against Dunston UTS in the Northern League last weekend.

Clark, made over 100 appearances for us in four seasons, and went on to play for Scarborough and Gateshead amongst others after he left us.

He is now a qualified coach, and joined Marske during the summer. Manager Carl Jarrett joked; "He was a like a kid, wanting to come on. He was in my ear at half time."

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OPTION.1

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Option 2 -- 195

Option 3 -- 49

Option 4 -- 28

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OPTION.2

Away shirt

Total votes cast 488

Option 1 -- 193

Option 2 -- 295

Thanks to everyone who voted, the club is now progressing its order with Avec. We will announce further details when they are available.



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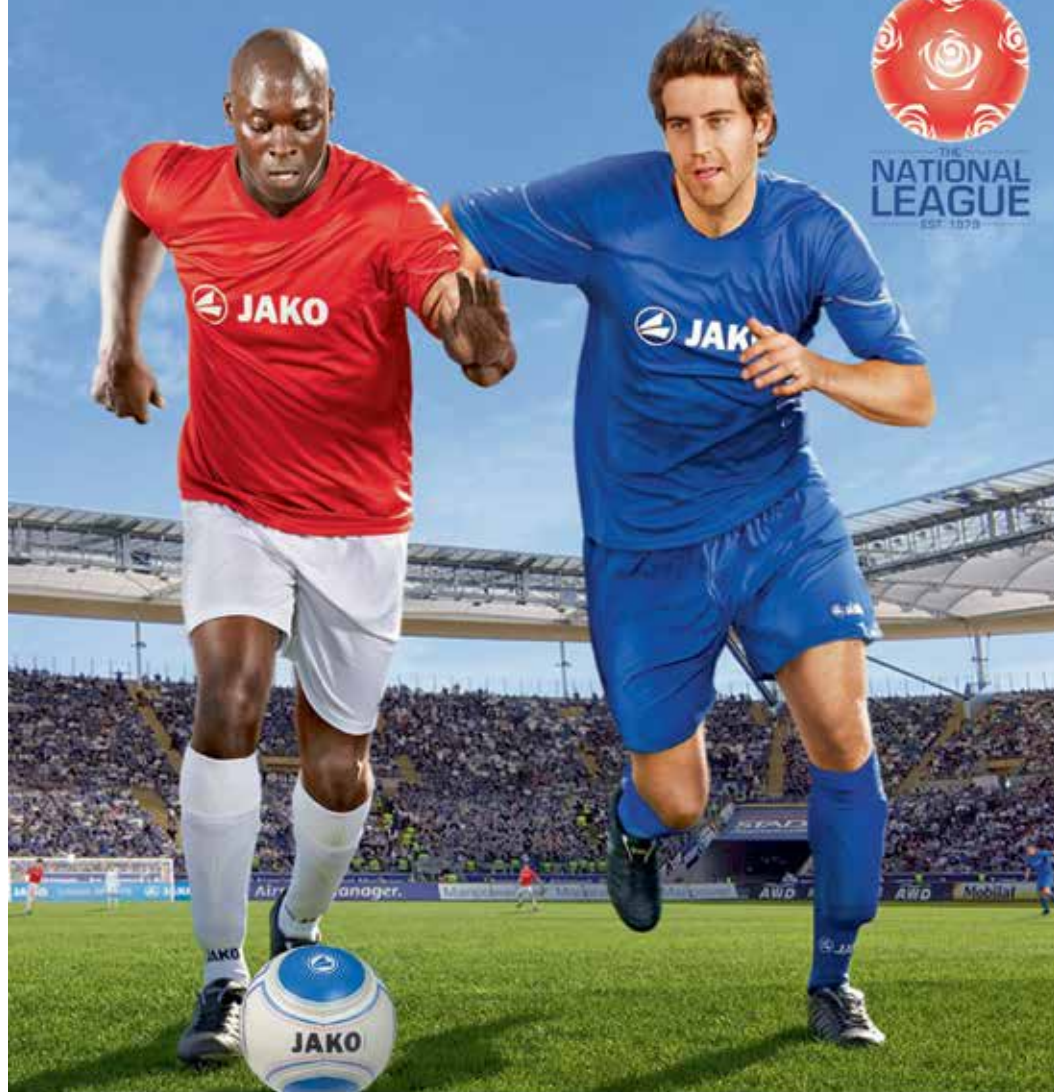
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Darlington Community programme by Matty Charlton

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



A warm welcome to today's Match Day Experience participants, Richmond Town, who are currently competing in the TJFA Division 3, managed by Michael, David, and Matt. They currently sit third in the league respectively, having won eight, drawn one and losing four. Hope they have a great day with us today, and make sure to give them a warm reception on their lap of honour after the half time penalties! It's great seeing so many teams in the local area interested in coming to participate and want to experience what it's like here at Darlington, and hearing that numerous people who've experienced the MDE have come back to support and develop a real passion for the club. That's great, and hopefully will help generate a new influx of generation of young Quakers.

You always have some memorable moments, as I'm sure Andrew and Abi will also say, but a great one for me was a few weeks ago involving a conversation I'll remember fondly, with a young

chap, aged around 9, and he was rhyming off the likes of Pawel Abbott and Julian Joachim, and it left me amazed how he knew the likes of those two for being so young. Turns out, he'd watched Old Quaker TV weeks beforehand in excitement, so he knew his stuff when he came to the ground and now comes back regularly.

On the subject of players past and present, it often interests me knowing who'd make your all time best Darlington XI, there are many legends who could be included in there. If any of you care to share them, drop me a tweet, @mattycharlton and would be good to feature a couple of favourites in the coming weeks in the programme.

But anyway, a big welcome to Richmond Town, and hope they enjoy the game, and here's hoping for three points against Curzon!

Up the Darlo!!!

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PICTURES FROM THE PAST



DIMINUTIVE DAVID SPEEDIE CLIMBS HIGHEST TO GET IN A HEADER AT GOAL DURING AN FA CUP GAME AGAINST BURY ON NOVEMBER 22, 1980.

AFTER JOINING FROM BARNSELY THE DARLINGTON PLAYMAKER WAS A MAINSTAY OF THE SIDE DURING HIS TWO SEASONS WITH THE CLUB AT THE BEGINNING OF THE 80S, MISSING ONLY FOUR OF 99 FIXTURES IN THAT PERIOD UNDER BILLY ELLIOTT'S TENURE BEFORE MOVING TO CHELSEA IN 1982.

QUAKERS HAD A SETTLED SIDE DURING 80-81, EIGHT PLAYERS PLAYING AT LEAST 39 OF THE 46 LEAGUE FIXTURES, BUT ONLY ONE WAS IN THE FA CUP.

QUAKERS LOST THIS TIE 2-0 TO THE SHAKERS AT FEETHAMS, DESPITE, FRUSTRATINGLY FOR ELLIOTT'S SIDE, BEATING THE SAME OPPOSITION TWICE IN DIVISION FOUR DURING 80-81.

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STEVE'S HALF-TIME Quiz

FIRST HALF – GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. In which BBC TV sci-fi series was the spaceship known as The Liberator?
2. What are the correct terms for a) a male swan b) a female swan?
3. Which car manufacturer has produced the Taunus, Laser and Thunderbird models?
4. Which classic TV comedy series had characters called McLaren, Warren and Blanco?
5. In which three English counties are the Malvern Hills situated?
6. Films: What were the names of the four Marx brothers?
7. Which pop star married Russell Brand in 2010 but divorced him in 2012?
8. What is the name of the extinct volcano which overlooks the city centre of Edinburgh?
9. Name either of the TV quiz shows which featured Monica Rose as hostess.
10. Which bird, coincidentally the nickname of two EFL clubs, has the Latin name Pica Pica?
11. In films, which character has been portrayed by both Errol Flynn and Kevin Costner?
12. What is the currency of Israel?

HALF-TIME TEASER WHAT A SEASON!

A question about our championship-winning season in the Evo-Stik Premier League. Have you forgotten already?

Which of our rival teams last season was the only Evo-Stik Premier club located in Leicestershire?

ANSWERS
ON
PAGE 49

SECOND HALF – SPORTING KNOWLEDGE

13. Which football club was the last to win the English First Division title before the Premier League was introduced?
14. Who was the only English winner of the World Professional Snooker championships in the 1990s?
15. For which country did Lennox Lewis win a boxing gold in the 1988 Olympics?
16. Which famous footballer once famously said "I spent a lot of money on booze, birds and fast cars. The rest I just squandered"?
17. What nationality is former motor racing driver Jody Scheckter?
18. Which British figure skater was an Olympic and World Champion in 1976?
19. In which city would you find the Gabba cricket ground?
20. Which sport originated with the Iroquois Indians in the north east of the USA?
21. In which Scottish town do Queen of the South play their home games?
22. What term is used in baseball when a batter swings and misses a pitch?
23. Who in 1953 became the first jockey to be knighted?
24. Which Olympic sport would use a so-called "cox-box"?

**PLAYER
STATS**

24 - 20 Top striker! Excellent points total should bring yet another promotion

19 - 13 Creative football brain on the ball, but inconsistent in the penalty area

12 - 6 A useful squad player, but you lack that vital spark to be first-team

5 or less As for our friends at Victoria Park, things can only get better this season

Memory Match

by Simon Weatherill

Simon Weatherill this week features the 3-2 home win over Luton Town, and the impact of supersub Mark Sheeran.

The FA Cup fourth round weekend has never featured particularly strongly in Darlington's football calendar. The 2001/02 season could and probably should have been different. Kidderminster and Altrincham were disposed of in the first two rounds, which gave the Quakers a third round home tie against Peterborough United. The original tie was postponed due to a frozen pitch so that when the rearranged game took place the fourth round draw had already been made. The winners would be at home to Newcastle. Darlington missed out on what would have been their biggest ever pay day when they threw away a two goal lead against Posh, drawing 2-2 at Feethams before losing 0-2 in the replay (the night of Barry Conlon's famous missed penalty at the Polam Lane end which is still in orbit – ed). Darlington v Newcastle had already been chosen to be shown live on Sky TV so financially the club lost out big style, not to mention the supporters, who were looking forward to a North East derby with the Magpies.

As there was no cup tie to be played, the Quakers reverted to league fixtures, so fourth round Saturday, January 26th, would see them host Luton Town in a Division Three fixture. The Hatters were managed by Joe Kinnear and were absolutely flying in the league, heading

towards promotion at the end of the season. They were unbeaten in eight and sat in second place in the table with the best away record in the division. 16 wins, 54 points and an impressive 55 goals from their 28 games so far. The Quakers, on the other hand, were struggling at the wrong end of the table with just 31 points from 26 games played. A fixture pile up also meant that the Luton game would be their fourth game of the week. After a 2-2 home draw with Southend on the previous Saturday, they'd played the cup replay at Peterborough on the Monday and then travelled to Cheltenham and played out a goalless draw on the Wednesday. Luton would arrive at Feethams to face a travel-weary and injury-ravaged home side.

Darlington's back four would have a decidedly makeshift look about it. Regular right back Simon Betts was unavailable due to suspension and would be replaced by Phil Brumwell. Centre half David Brightwell missed out with a calf injury, so his place would be taken by midfielder Gary Pearson. He would partner Craig Liddle in the centre of defence, even though Liddle was carrying an Achilles injury and had only just returned from three months out with a broken ankle. He was far from fully fit but was pressed into service because of a lack of

options. Up front Barry Conlon would start even though he was struggling with an injured toe, but Danny Mellanby missed the game due to a bad back.

3564 turned out at Feethams for the Luton game. They saw the visitors make a strong start and control the opening twenty minutes. They missed a glorious chance to take the lead in the sixth minute, when top scorer Dean Crowe somehow managed to lift the ball over the bar when faced with an open goal six yards out. They did take the lead in the 13th minute when an inswinging corner by French winger Jean Valois was converted at the near post with a glancing header by former Hartlepool striker Steve Howard. Darlington played their way into the game and equalised on 28 minutes with a well struck Gary Pearson free kick from 25 yards out, that took a slight deflection off the wall and wrong footed Mark Ovendale in the Luton goal. Four games in eight days took their toll on Neil Maddison, who hobbled off after 33 minutes to be replaced by Richard Hodgson. Andy Collett made a superb block at Crowe's feet, then Barry Conlon put a free header wide from a Brian Atkinson corner as both sides looked for the goal to put them on top, although 1-1 at half time was a fair reflection of the game.



With a strong wind at their backs, Darlington made a strong start to the second half. They should have taken the lead on 59 minutes but Mark Ford fired wide from six yards out. They were made to pay only a minute later when Valois brilliantly controlled a cross field pass on his right thigh before drilling a superb left footed drive inside Collett's far post from 18 yards out to give Luton a 2-1 lead. Howard should have made it 3-1 but put an easy header wide, then the Quakers stormed back and Paul Heckingbottom and Richard Hodgson both went close to an equaliser. The game turned on a 74th minute substitution by the home side. Barry Conlon's bruised toe got the better of him and he limped off to be replaced by 19 year old Mark Sheeran, making only the fourth substitute appearance of his career after being promoted from the youth team. It took him only seven minutes of his home debut to make his mark. Hodgson broke into the box and went one on one with the keeper, but Ovendale managed to block



3564 turned out at Feethams for the Luton game

his tame shot. The loose ball ran to Sheeran who fired into the net from 12 yards out for the equaliser. Then in the 88th minute Pearson floated a superb ball forward over the Luton defence to Sheeran and his clever backwards header from 10 yards out looped over the stranded keeper for the winner. Sheeran even had time to flash a diving header into the net in injury time but the linesman's flag cut short his celebrations and robbed him of a hat trick.

Sheeran was the hero again three days later. He came off the bench, set up an equaliser and then headed a last minute winner in a 2-1 win over Lincoln. The six point haul lifted the Quakers to 14th in the table, but they never really escaped mid table obscurity and finished the season in 15th with 56 points.

The programme for the 2001/2002 season consisted of 38 pages, cost £2 and was printed by Mawers Talbot Print. Full colour throughout, the front cover was a photo from a previous game. Inside were From The Dugout by Tommy Taylor, Captains Corner by

Craig Liddle, a page of general football gossip, two pages on today's opponents, a page of current season statistics, From The Press Box, kit sponsors, directions to the next away games, Behind The Scenes with Luke Raine, action photos from previous games, On The Up (reports of how the new stadium build was progressing), Whatever Happened To? (where Leigh Edwards traced former players), Football in the Community (with Kevin Stonehouse), a profile on one of the first team squad, Memory Lane (looking back at matches 10, 20 and 30 years ago), reserve and youth team news, a supporters club page, results and line-ups for the current season, and the team line-ups on the back cover.

Team v Luton :

1 Andy Collett 2 Phil Brumwell
3 Paul Heckingbottom 4 Craig Liddle 5 Gary Pearson 6 Ian Clark 7 Neil Wainwright 8 Mark Ford 9 Barry Conlon 10 Neil Maddison 11 Brian Atkinson
Subs 12 Steve Harper (replaced Wainwright, 75 mins) 13 Keith Finch (not used) 14 Richard Hodgson (Maddison, 34 mins) 15 Mark Convery (not used) 16 Mark Sheeran (Conlon, 74 mins)

JANUARY 21ST 2017**STOCKPORT COUNTY 3
DARLINGTON 3**

This clash at Edgeley Park was a pulsating reminder of the old blood and thunder games between the two clubs in the Football League.

Both teams played with a huge amount of passion and gave everything; the fans of both clubs shouted until they were hoarse; the referee let the game flow as best he could; there was plenty of goalmouth action and there was no shortage of thrills and talking points.

Both sides had half chances before Stockport took the lead on 24 minutes, when Elliot Osborne delivered a perfect cross from the right and Danny Lloyd headed in off the post into the net. And it was nearly 2-0 when Lloyd bent a free kick over the Darlington wall against the post with Peter Jameson beaten.

But Quakers levelled on 33 minutes. Mark Beck was fouled about 30 yards out and Josh Gillies curled the free kick everyone into the net for his ninth goal of the season.

Stockport regained the lead on 36 minutes when Lloyd curled a right wing corner into the near post, but Jameson, under pressure, couldn't keep it out.

Lloyd was on for his hat trick when he skipped past two defenders, but Jameson saved at his feet, and from the keeper's clearance, the ball was helped on by Beck for Stephen Thompson to coolly control, and hit a right foot shot across the keeper into the net.

Quakers changed their tactics in the second half, and managed to subdue Stockport.

Quakers missed chances through Leon Scott and Thompson, but they fell behind on 72 minutes when sub Jimmy Ball forced the ball home from a left wing cross.

Quakers nearly levelled again when Mark Beck got away, but Stockport keeper Ben Hinchliffe tipped his shot over the bar.

However, they levelled for the third time on 86 minutes. Half time sub Josh Falkingham and Phil Turnbull opened up the space nicely for Terry Galbraith to cross from the right for Beck to head in.

STATS:

Darlington: Jameson, Hunter, Galbraith, Turnbull, Burgess, Brown, Thompson (sub Ferguson 73), Scott (Syers 79), Beck, Cartman, Gillies (sub Falkingham 45)

Subs: Wilczynski, Walker

Bookings: Scott, Burgess, Ferguson

Stockport: Hinchliffe, Minihan, Montrose, Clarke, Duxbury, Stopforth, Smalley, Osborne, Marsden (sub Ball 73), Odejayi (sub Felix 73), Lloyd. Subs not used: Ross, Ormson, Brazel

Bookings: Minihan, Osbourne, Lloyd, Ball

Attendance: 3,649

**THE MAGIC NUMBERS:**

9 – the number of goals that Josh Gillies has scored this season up to that point.

12 – the number of goals that Mark Beck has scored this season

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Game on game I think we are getting there in terms of the match day operations and resulting match day experience here. You can't beat the hustle and bustle of a match day and seeing the place busy in the build up to kick off. Let's keep a positive atmosphere and hopefully we can put another three points on the board.

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It's great to have such a global business attending today and we hope they enjoy their afternoon.

Today's Match Ball Sponsors are Big Figure Promotions who are primarily based in Marske by the Sea, North Yorkshire. Big Figure is ran by a music obsessive – Steve Harland, named after the drummer in Dr. Feelgood. In total Steve has promoted 70 gigs, worked with various local promoters and occasionally on his own in just over six years. You can read about their story, their progress and view upcoming gigs at their website www.bigfigurepromotions.co.uk

HOSPITALITY

There are only a couple of games left to be sponsored this season so please enquire now. Match day hospitality is an opportunity for the club to generate revenue so if you or your business fancy a change or some hospitality for a game, get in touch on commercial@darlingtonfc.org.

We have also been running competitions on our website recently with the prize of two hospitality tickets, so if you don't win the competition, why not indulge yourself and a friend or a group of friends? If you are a season ticket holder you can upgrade your ticket for the day too. All those in hospitality are welcome to watch the game from the balcony of the club house (space permitting) or make their way to the seating in the main stand where available. We also present the man of the match award in the Lounge upstairs after the game, and you can meet the players as well.

MT AUDIO SYSTEMS

This week I would like to give a mention to MT Audio Systems who advertise with us. They do full event production services with hire and sales of sound, stage, AV and lighting equipment.

They were also featured in the Northern Echo this week as they have taken over a newly refurbished business site over at Lingfield Point. check them out at www.mtaudio.co.uk

Enjoy the game today and all the best to the lads.



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QUAKERRETAIL

with Lynn Jasper

Welcome everyone to our game against Curzon Ashton here at Blackwell Meadows.



I hope the game is as entertaining as the match at Stockport. Well done boys last week, what character you had to come back three times in that game and what an atmosphere created by our travelling fans. Come on Darlo!

DARLO FANS RADIO

I'd just like to say a big "thank you" to the radio team for giving some of our products a plug over the last few weeks. It is much appreciated boys. If you don't get a chance to go to the match then the next best thing is to listen to the commentary on Darlo Fans Radio as they follow Darlington both at home and all around the country. I know it is much appreciated by fans all around the world.

COMING SOON TO QUAKER RETAIL

In the next couple of weeks we hope to have a new addition to our merchandise. We are going to have our very own DFC phone cases displaying the club crest. We hope to have cases to fit a large range of phones at a price that will be easy on the pocket. We have some other ideas in the pipeline too, so keep an eye on the website and social media about our new products.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Are you looking for a Valentine's gift for that special person in your life? If they are a Darlo fan then we may just have the answer! Although our Home Shirts are pretty well sold out we still have plenty of away shirts available in all sizes priced at £35. If you would prefer a polo shirt, technical polo or training jersey we have plenty to choose from in black, white or red priced at £20 and £21. Maybe a special pen might be the order of the day we have a super choice of wood barrelled pens at £25 and black and white acrylic barrelled pens at £18. How about one of our mugs with the Darlo crest on for £6 or a mug with the ticket from the first home game at Blackwell Meadows for £8. We also have a Football Manager Game for £15 - a great present for any budding manager! We stock a large variety of souvenirs - pennants £10, Badges £2.50, key rings



£3.50 and pens for £1 to name but a few. I think you would agree something to suit everyone's pocket so why not shop with us for Valentine's Day?

QUAKER RETAIL STAFF

I thought I would introduce you to some of the newer members of our Quaker Retail team over the next few weeks starting with Hilary.

Hilary came to join our team when we started working five mornings a week. She joins Terry and myself on a Thursday morning. Here's what Hilary had to say about herself.

"I came to Darlington in 1960 to start my nursing career and became aware of Darlington Football Club through friends from here and very soon became a fan. My career prevented me from attending a lot of games but now retired I am a full time fan and I love being one. My best ever day was at Wembley when we won the FA Trophy."

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REMINDER OF DARLINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S GROUND REGULATIONS

In home games last season, there were incidents involving a flare, some coin throwing and fans encroaching on to the field of play. Accordingly, we have been requested to remind fans about our ground regulations.

These regrettable incidents are contrary to our ground regulations, as published on our official website on 12th October last year, and again last week.

The pertinent regulations are as follows:

"The following articles must not be brought within the Ground – knives, fireworks or any other pyrotechnics, smoke canisters, air-horns, flares, weapons, dangerous or hazardous items, laser devices, glass bottles, glass vessels, cans, poles, any articles that are prohibited by the Rules and Regulations, and any article that might be used as a weapon and/or compromise public safety. Any person in possession of such items will be refused entry to (or ejected from) the Ground."

And

"Under the Football (Offences) Act 1991 (as amended) the following are offences for which a person can be arrested by a police officer and conviction could result in a Banning Order being made under the Football Spectators Act 1989 (as amended): The list is non-exhaustive.

"The throwing of any object within the Ground without lawful authority or excuse;

"The entry onto the playing area or any adjacent area to which spectators are not generally admitted without lawful authority or excuse."

We should be very clear. Those responsible for such incidents simply do not care about our club, our reputation or the safety of our fans and we do not want them at our matches. The club will work with the stewards and police to ensure that these matters are addressed and the individuals will be banned from future matches.

Ensuring the safety of our supporters and staff is always of paramount importance to Darlington FC 1883. If such behaviour was to continue, the reality is it would only be a matter of time before serious injury is caused and the club in turn would be punished by the league and/or the FA. We will not allow safety to be compromised of the well-behaved and sensible majority by the actions of a tiny minority.

We would also like to draw attention to the possession of pyrotechnics

As a member Club participating in The National League we have been directed to take the strongest action available against anyone found in possession of a Flare, Smoke Bomb or any other such pyrotechnic article(s).

Spectators are warned that we and The National League apply a zero tolerance approach to anyone attempting to bring such article(s) into our Ground/Stadium.

Due to their chemical make-up, a Flare, Smoke Bomb and all such pyrotechnic article(s) can be highly toxic for some people. This can lead to serious health consequences for those with pre-existing medical conditions and may in certain circumstances cause life-threatening injury or concern.

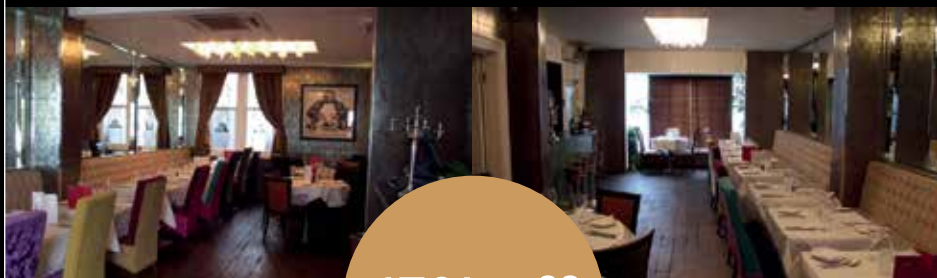
In order to protect you, the spectator, we reserve the right to search your person and/or effects and we further reserve the right to pursue legal action, civil or criminal, against any person who contravenes current legislation or our Ground/Stadium regulations.

To further safeguard all who attend any event at this Ground/Stadium, we welcome the receipt of any information which will assist us to deter, apprehend/detain and where appropriate prosecute, anyone in possession of; or found discharging or being a party to the discharge of, such an article(s).

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HOW THE OTHERS ARE DOING



Part 2

*Ray Simpson rounds up the action in the
Vanarama National League North*

Gloucester City plan home games at Evesham from next season

Gloucester City have confirmed they will be ground-sharing with Evesham United next season. Their seven-year stay at Cheltenham Town will end in May, when they will switch to the Jubilee Stadium. The deal with Southern League Division One South and West club Evesham was signed on Monday evening and the Tigers have the option of a second year there if required.

A club statement said: "We fully appreciate that this is a longer distance for fans to travel, but must stress that there are no options closer to home with the required grading. Even taking voluntary relegation (which we do not believe is in the best interests of the club) would not open other suitably graded options within the city. We believe that this club, which has represented the city for more than 130 years, is worth fighting for and we will fight tooth and nail to keep it playing at as high a level as possible.

"We will of course look at ways to help fans with transport to and from games, but would urge all those who support this club to continue that fight. Our fans have always been a massive asset and we need their support now as we have throughout our exile. With regards to the building of our new ground we are seeking details of timelines from our owner, and will look to share that as soon as we can. Everyone is fully aware of the need to return this club to the city and the continuing damage of our exile."

Tigers chairman Mike Dunstan added: "I would like to thank Evesham United for extending a hand of friendship to us in this difficult time, and look forward to working with them."

Evesham will now embark on the relatively small schedule of works required to bring their ground up to the required standard for National League North Football. "There is a robust plan in place and expert advice has been sought to ensure that we meet the ground grading requirements ahead of March 31, which is the deadline for reaching the relevant standard," the statement said.

Harrogate Town to turn professional next season.

Harrogate Town, who visit Blackwell Meadows next month, will turn professional from the start of the 2017/2018 campaign, it has been announced. Town

narrowly missed out on promotion from the National League North after losing in the play-off last season and are currently on the brink of the promotion battle.

Promotion to the National League has been a long-held ambition for the part-time outfit and the club's management believe the decision will help the club finally realise its ambitions.

Boss Simon Weaver, whose dad Irving owns the club, said turning full-time will give his side the best opportunity of progressing, regardless of what Division they find themselves in next season. "We are moving into a new era for the club and we strongly believe that now is the right moment to announce our intention to go full-time," Weaver said. "We have spoken about it for a while, but now we have the infrastructure in place to make this step up. There is already a professional mind-set here, and I want every player to also have that mentality of being a full-time footballer."

Harrogate have moved towards professional status over the last three years. Chairman Irving Weaver has led an improvement to the club's Wetherby Road ground where two new stands have been erected. Town also replaced their grass pitch with an artificial 3G in a £500,000 investment in the summer.

Weaver added: "As a club we have been preparing for this transition for a while, and as such it is important for us to be honest and open with everyone involved as early as we possibly can." Weaver is clearly excited about the prospect of the club going professional and also confirmed that his playing staff share his enthusiasm. "Making our intentions known now gives our players, staff and supporters the best possible opportunity to adapt and prepare for the exciting change that is ahead of us. All the players have reacted positively to the news, and we are confident that each and every member of the squad will remain 100 per-cent committed to the cause for the duration of this season. We're a close-knit, ambitious group right across the club and this further signals our intent to do things the right way. Ultimately, there are a number of teams at this level that are already full-time, professional clubs, and you can clearly see the benefit of working with players on a daily basis. For me, you can't underestimate how much of a massive leap in the right direction this is for our football club."

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LOOKING *Back*

Today's Looking Back is taken from Frank Twedde's contribution to the programme for the **Darlington v Peterborough United** game on **January 14th 2005**, a game that we won 2-1 with goals by Kyle Lafferty and Paul Hopkins.



1995-96

ROCHDALE 1
DARLINGTON 2

Division Three Attendance 1945

We undertook our first away trip of the New Year to Spotland with the proud record of still having only lost once on our eleven league outings so far. However, we had already lost three times to Rochdale that season (at home in the league and the FA Cup after a replay and away in the Auto Windscreens Shield) and so we had a score to settle! Gavin Worboys returned to the starting eleven for what turned out to be his last appearance for the Quakers before his move to Northampton Town while David Lucas continued in goal on loan from Preston North End. Rochdale took a first-half lead from the penalty spot through Steve Whitehall but another penalty in the seventy-fifth minute levelled the scores when Matty Appleby converted after Robbie Painter had been scythed down. Then with seven minutes remaining Paul Olsson burst through and planted a shot in off the far post to give the Quakers sweet revenge in their fifth meeting of the season with the 'Dale'.

Team: Lucas, Shaw, Barnard, Crosby, Gregan, Himsworth, Olsson, Worboys (sub Blake 60), Painter, Gaughan (sub Brumwell 85)

1985-86

BRISTOL ROVERS 3
DARLINGTON 1

Division Three Attendance 3395

We made only our second visit to Bristol Rovers' old Eastville Stadium 31 years ago, as, although we met again the following season, they had relocated to play at Bath City's Twerton Park ground. Gary Macdonald was out injured and so summer signing Malcolm Poskett returned to the side for what was his last game for the Quakers before he moved on to Stockport County after only twenty-two starts for us. Tim Parkin, who joined us from Port Vale in the summer of 1992, was at the centre of the 'Pirates' defence. After just seven minutes Steve White scored for the home side and then increased their lead on the half-hour with a second. However, Carl Airey got one back a couple of minutes after half-time and we fought valiantly to equalise throughout the second period only for Steve White to complete his hat-trick with two minutes remaining to dash our hopes of returning north with a point.

Team: Barber, Evans, Morgan, Tupling, Green, Lloyd, Roberts, Huntley (sub Carney), Airey, Poskett, McLean.

1975-76

WATFORD 2
DARLINGTON 0

Division 4 Attendance 3865

We made the trip down to face recently relegated Watford at Vicarage Road for our first away game of 1976 having beaten them at home back in August to go top of Division Four by winning our opening three games. Since that storming start to the season we had only won four more games and slumped down to nineteenth in the table. Stan Webb returned to the starting line-up for the first time in two months partnering Paddy Lowery up front with John Peachey having returned to Barnsley after his loan spell. We went a goal down in the first-half when former Middlesbrough and Newcastle United forward Arthur Horsfield found the net and then conceded a second from ex-Sheffield United striker Stuart Scullion in the second-half. We never really looked like getting back into the game after that and so went down to our tenth away defeat of what was now becoming an extremely disappointing season after our splendid start.

Team: Ogley, Crosson, Cochrane, Nattress, Craig, Cattrell, Holbrook, Sinclair, Webb, Lowery, Young.



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Steve Harland and Wendy Archer. Steve was involved with Darlo fanzine 'Mission Impossible - An Alternative View of Darlington FC' between 1989-2000. There were 73 issues and had a circulation of between 800/1,100. "We spent the profits from the first season on becoming shareholders in the club - six of us paid a tenner each," says Steve.

"I first went to Feethams in 1969 with my Boro-supporting father - we stood on the terracing that was between the East Stand and Tin Shed. It was against Workington and there were lots of goals Darlo won 6-2 but it's all a blur to be honest. My first real debut was against Newport County and Darlo won 4-0 - Colin Sinclair scored two goals. This time I was hooked and I went as often as I could as we lived in Hartburn, Stockton and the 268 bus and 224 bus used to pull up near where we lived.

"I remember going to Everton in 1978 for a league cup match - it was a real eye opener and we only got beaten by a single goal. The match report in the Daily Mirror the next day headline was 'A shaker from Quakers'. I was there the night Alan Walsh destroyed his hometown team Hartlepool with four goals in a 5-2 win but the best night for me was when we beat my father's team Middlesbrough in the FA Cup in January 1985. I had lived on Teesside most of my life and all my mates supported them - it was quiet at work the next day and quite a few were absent- don't know why!"



Today's mascots



Nathaniel Sutcliffe is 9 years old, and attends Horncastle Community Primary in Lincolnshire. His favourite player is Liam Hardy.



Luca Smith is 10 today! He goes to St Augustine's Primary School and his favourite player is Mark Beck



Oliver Luck will be 7 years old on Monday. He's in year two of Gurney Pease Academy and his favourite player is Mark Beck.



Makaii Gordon is 8 years old and goes to Holy Family RC Primary School. His favourite player is Gary Brown.

Cole Webster is 8 years old and goes to Caedmon School. His favourite player is his uncle, Kev Burgess.

QUIZMASTER ANSWERS (Page 31)

FIRST HALF - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE 1. Blakes's 7 2. a) Cob b) Pen 3. Ford 4. Porridge 5. Herefordshire/Worcestershire/Gloucestershire 6. Groucho/Chico/Harpo/Zeppo 7. Katy Perry 8. Arthur's Seat 9. Double Your Money/The Sky's the Limit 10. Magpie 11. Robin Hood 12. Shekel

SECOND HALF - SPORTING KNOWLEDGE

Barwell 13. Leeds Utd 14. John Parrott 15. Canada 16. George Best 17. South African 18. John Curry 19. Brisbane 20. Lacrosse 21. Dumfries 22. Strike 23. Gordon Richards 24. Rowing

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Social media REACTS

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JOHN CONNERY GOOD STUFF LADS. WELL DONE. WELL DONE FOR COMING BACK 3 TIMES SHOWS WE DON'T GIVE UP. IT'S A POINT GAINED TODAY FOR SURE I THINK. AIDEN GOWLAND GREAT POINT. TAKEN 4 POINTS OFF A VERY GOOD STOCKPORT SIDE THIS SEASON. VERY HAPPY

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3 Chorley	26	14	8	4	40	22	50	+18
4 Salford City	26	13	8	5	50	27	47	+23
5 Darlington	26	13	7	6	59	40	46	+19
6 FC Halifax Town	25	13	5	7	57	36	44	+21
7 Stockport County	25	12	7	6	38	30	43	+8
8 Tamworth	25	13	4	8	46	45	43	+1
9 Brackley	23	11	8	4	37	25	41	+12
10 Harrogate Town	26	11	6	9	44	37	39	+7
11 Gloucester City	24	10	3	11	39	42	33	-3
12 FC United of Manchester	27	8	9	10	43	42	33	+1
13 Nuneaton	26	8	8	10	37	39	32	-2
14 Boston United	26	8	8	10	38	50	32	-12
15 Curzon Ashton	25	8	6	11	37	50	30	-13
16 Worcester City	26	6	9	11	33	36	27	-3
17 AFC Telford United	26	6	9	11	25	30	27	-5
18 Alfreton	25	7	5	13	49	64	26	-15
19 Gainsborough Trinity	26	6	8	12	37	53	26	-16
20 Bradford Park Avenue	27	6	4	17	25	54	22	-29
21 Stalybridge Celtic	25	4	2	19	23	59	14	-36
22 Altrincham	26	1	6	19	24	63	9	-39

DARLO APPEARANCES & GOALS 2016-17

League	League start	League sub	Cups start	Cups subs	League goals	Cup goals
Mark Bell		1				
Mark Beck	25		2	1	12	
Gary Brown	21	1	3		3	
Kevin Burgess	20	1			3	
Nathan Cartman	10	13	3		3	1
Tom Davie		3				
Ben Dudzinski	1		2			
Josh Falkingham	9	3	3			
David Ferguson		1				
Terry Galbraith	26		3		8	1
Josh Gillies	22	1	2		9	
Liam Hardy	12	9	2	1	7	1
Chris Hunter	7	2	2	1		
Peter Jameson	22					
Matty Lovegreen						
Liam Marrs	22		3			
Jack McClaren						
Adam Mitchell	5	6			1	
Lewis Nightingale		1				
Adam Nowakowski	2	4				
Tom Portas	8	2	1			
Amar Purewal	1	5		1	1	1
Harvey Saunders		1				
Leon Scott	12	6	2	1		
David Syers	4	8	1	1	5	
Stephen Thompson	22	2	1	2	4	1
Phil Turnbull	24		1	1	1	
Lewis Walker	1					
Jordan Watson	7	2	1			
Arran Wearmouth						
Paul Woolston	3		1			
own goals					1	

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Season's Stats



Last match



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Scorers Names in **BOLD**.

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2016			VERSUS	R	S	ATT																					
Sat Aug 6th	Altrincham	A	3.00	2-2	1506	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Scott	Purewal	Cartman	Gillies	Now'ski	Portas	Hardy	Bell	Night'le						
Sat Aug 13th	Boston United	H	3.00	4-1	1435	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Portas	Cartman	Mitchell	Bell	Now'ski						
Mon Aug 15th	Curzon Ashton	A	7.45	2-1	482	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Mitchell	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Scott	Purewal	Night'le	Bell	Cartman						
Sun Aug 21st	Gloucester City	A	3.00	2-1	665	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Cartman	Scott	Bell	Mitchell						
Wed Aug 24th	Chorley	H	7.45	2-0	1543	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Hunter	Thomp'n	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski						
Sat Aug 27th	Alfreton	H	3.00	3-4	1349	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies2	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Purewal	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Now'ski						
Mon Aug 29th	FC United of Manchester	A	7.45	3-2	2731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Scott	Gillies	Thomp'n	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Bell						
Fri Sep 2nd	Kidderminster Harriers	H	7.45	0-1	1731	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Hunter	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Hardy	Portas	Now'ski	Mitchell	Cartman	Bell	Purewal						
Wed Sep 7th	Stockport County	H	7.45	2-1	1730	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Purewal	Now'ski	Cartman	Bell	Purewal						
Sat Sep 10th	Nuneaton Town	A	3.00	1-1	655	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Hunter	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Mitchell	Gillies	Now'ski	Brown	Cartman	Bell						
Wed Sep 14th	Bradford Park Avenue	A	7.45	2-1	611	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Now'ski	Brown	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Cartman	Mitchell	Hardy	Scott	Purewal	H Scott	Robi'son						
Sat Sep 17th	FA Cup 20R Lancaster City	A	3.00	1-2	580	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Brown	Scott	Portas	Beck	Hardy	Cartman	Purewal	Thomp'n	Hunter	Mitchell	Now'ski						
Sat Sep 24th	Stalybridge Celtic	H	3.00	4-1	1231	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Watson	Falk'ham	Now'ski	Thomp'n	Portas	Beck	Hardy2	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Mitchell	Jameson	Purewal						
Sat Oct 8th	Brackley Town	A	3.00	2-2	642	Woolston	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Mitchell	Cartman	Davey	Jameson	Smith						
Sat Oct 15th	Gainsborough Trinity	H	3.00	5-2	1424	Jameson	Marrs	Galb'ith2	Turnbull	Watson	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Hardy	Gillies	Burgess	Syers	Cartman	Bell	Davie						
Sat Oct 22nd	Worcester City	H	3.00	5-1	1479	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown2	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson						
Sat Oct 29th	Harrogate Town	A	3.00	4-1	2172	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Davie						
Sat Nov 5th	Tamworth	A	3.00	1-2	914	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Syers	Hardy	Davie	Bell	Watson						
Sat Nov 12th	AFC Fylde	H	3.00	1-1	2001	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Watson	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Scott	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Hardy						
Sat Nov 19th	AFC Telford United	A	3.00	0-2	1136	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Cartman	Bell	Hunter	Scott						
Sun Nov 27th	Marine FATrophy 3r	H	3.00	2-2	743	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Hunter	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Watson						
Sat Dec 3rd	Salford City	H	3.00	2-2	1996	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Falk'ham	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Scott	Hardy	Syers	Bell	Hunter						
Tues Dec 6th	Marine FA Trophy 3r replay A		7.45	2-3	308	Dudzinski	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Syers	Hunter	Brown	Scott	Falk'ham	Hardy	Cartman	Gillies	Beck	Thomp'n	Turnbull	Bell	Milburn						
Sat Dec 17th	Kidderminster Harriers	A	3.00	1-2	1710	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Syers	Gillies	Hardy	Bell	Hunter	Cartman	Falk'ham						
Mon Dec 26th	FC Halifax Town	H	3.00	3-2	3000	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck2	Cartman	Gillies	Falk'ham	Hardy	Syers	Hunter	Bell						
Sun Jan 1st	FC Halifax Town	A	3.00	2-2	2511	Jameson	Marrs	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Falk'ham	Watson	Hardy	Syers	Bell						
Sat Jan 7th	Nuneaton Town	H	3.00	1-2	2313	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Watson	Sau'ders	Syers	Bell	Falk'ham						
Sat Jan 14th	Gloucester City	H	3.00	2-0	1837	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Walker	Gillies	Syers	Cartman	Wil'ski	Falk'ham	Sau'ders						
Sat Jan 21st	Stockport County	A	3.00	3-3	3649	Jameson	Hunter	Galbr'ith	Turnbull	Burgess	Brown	Thomp'n	Scott	Beck	Cartman	Gillies	Ferg'son	Syers	Falk'ham	Walker	Wil'ski						
Sat Jan 28th	Curzon Ashton	H																									
Sat Feb 4th	Chorley	A																									
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RICHARD HODGSON SIGNED FOR QUAKERS IN AUGUST 2000, AND MADE OVER 100 APPEARANCES IN THE NEXT THREE SEASONS, SCORING SEVEN TIMES, THE BEST OF THEM A LONG DISTANCE EFFORT THAT CLINCHED A POINT AT OXFORD IN JANUARY 2003. HE WENT ON TO PLAY FOR SEVERAL CLUBS, AND WON AN FA VASE WINNERS' MEDAL WITH WHITLEY BAY IN 2010.

Richard Hodgson

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Chris Hunter	
Peter Jameson	
Liam Marrs	
Tom Portas	
Leon Scott	
David Syers	
Stephen Thompson	
Phil Turnbull	
Lewis Walker	
Jordan Watson	
Ed Wilczynski	



CURZON ASHTON

Cameron Mason	
Chris Rowney	
Joe Guest	
Jonathan Hunt	
Jamie Stott	
Connor Hampson	
James Baillie	
Liam Tomsett	
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Saturday 11th February
Altrincham, kick off 3pm

Saturday 25th February
Harrogate Town, kick off 3pm

Next away games:

Saturday 4th February

Chorley, kick off 3pm

Saturday 18th February
Boston United, kick off 3pm

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AFC Fylde v Altrincham, Alfreton v
Brackley, FC Halifax Town v Stockport
County, FC United v Salford City,
Gloucester City v Worcester City,
Harrogate Town v Gainsborough,
Kidderminster v Nuneaton, Stalybridge
v AFC Telford United, Tamworth v
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